

## President Bush discusses social security issues with Nebraskans

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It was an excited crowd that waited in an endless line outside of the Qwest Center Friday morning. Attendants and Secret Service bustled around, directing traffic and screening guests. Friday morning held much anticipation and excitement for the red state of Nebraska. Its Republican leader would soon arrive.

Just two days after the State of the Union address, President George W. Bush had a lot on his mind. The reason for his visit to Nebraska was to discuss strengthening social security for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For years, the American public has debated over the issue of whether there will be any money left for them when they retire. While the U.S. government has repeatedly told the public no changes will be made for adults older than 55, the rest of the population has not received reassurance.

The President believes social security funds are a concern for two main reasons. First of all, life expectancy in 2005 is approximately 77 years of age. When social security was created in 1935, most people did not live long enough to collect any of their retirement benefits. Second, there are fewer workers to support the increasing number of retirees. In 1935, there were 40 workers per retiree. Today there are three workers per retiree receiving social



Michelle Bishop

President Bush speaks during the Social Security forum Friday at the Qwest Center.

security benefits. As the baby boomer generation grows older, this problem will accelerate rapidly, eventually depleting all existing funds. It is estimated that in 2018, social security will be paying out more than what it is bringing in.

Friday morning President Bush told Nebraskans they have nothing to fear.

"The job of the President is to confront problems, not pass them onto future generations," Bush said.

His solution to the problem is to give ownership to Americans by allowing

them to allocate a portion of their money into a "personal retirement account". The current system of social security earns virtually no interest. The new system could conservatively earn a four percent return per year, allowing the money to compound and grow until retirement, according to President Bush.

The personal retirement account would work much like a mutual fund, allowing individuals to invest in a diversified group of low risk stocks and bonds. The pay out would work much

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## Student Government approves letters of commendation

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NEWS EDITOR

Several letters of commendation were passed at last Thursday night's Student Government meeting.

After some debate, SGUNO passed a letter of statement commending Pamela Jean Owens, Ph.D.

Some students felt that passing a letter for one professor would open the door for too many other commendations for other professors, according to President/Regent Elizabeth Kraemer.

Despite some resistance, the letter was passed.

"Dr. Owens, as an instructor of Religion, is a professor of the highest caliber," the letter stated. "Her concern for her students, both in class and out, is genuine. She consistently puts forth effort beyond the requirement to help her students."

A letter of statement commending the UNO Student Center custodial services cited its employees consistent hard work in maintaining the Milo Bail Student Center.

"The job performed by them is of the highest caliber," the letter stated.

Custodial services is responsible for setting up and taking down rooms, fixing walls and overall maintenance of the student center.

Health, Physical, Education and Recreation employees were commended for 25 years of enhancing "the character of our university by reaching out to the Omaha community," according to the statement.

"The recent purchase of the rock climbing wall presents an exciting experience for students to meet and interact with one another as well as an enjoyable form of exercise. The benefits of such a facility go far beyond the classroom."

Alex Williams was voted in for the Legislative and Public Relations position that had recently been vacated.

Kraemer reported that the library lobby project has suffered a minor setback. Student Government had to order different types of benches due to the dramatic temperature changes. This will only cause a setback in the timeliness of the lobby's completion, and will not affect funds.

Also, student government plans to present a letter of commendation to the UNO Marching Mavericks at the basketball game on Friday night.

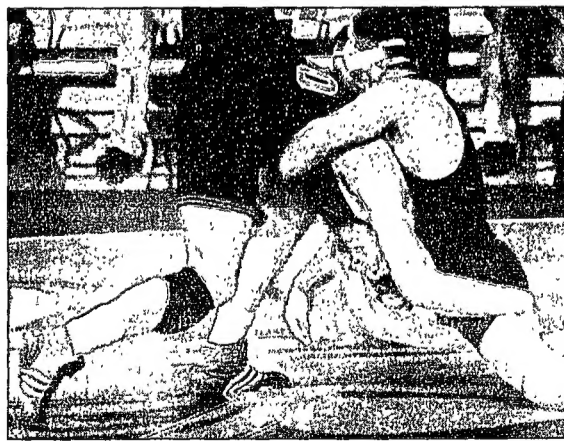
## Mavericks dominate two top-four opponents

J. PARKER ADAIR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Any doubts that the UNO wrestling team may not be as good as advertised were removed this weekend. Against No. 4 Central Oklahoma Friday, the Mavericks won 31-5. Against No. 3 Nebraska-Kearney Saturday, the Mavericks won 32-4. With injuries and thoughts of inconsistencies, the wrestlers have shown that they are back.

The Mavericks have fought injuries all year long, costing important mat experience for many starters. Last week, UNO was still experimenting with its lineup starting wrestlers out of place. That led to a loss to Division III No.1 Augsburg and questions from the wrestling community.

National qualifier Ben Standberg



Chris Machian

UNO's Ben Standberg grapples with Central Oklahoma's Carson Kleinfeldt. Standberg won the match by pin.

was able to even his record at 14-14 by pinning No. 8 Carson Kleinfeldt to start

negative 1 lead at that point, but Central Oklahoma made the score respectable

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### Omaha Weather

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Snow Likely H: 26 L: 16	Partly Cloudy H: 28 L: 16	Mostly Clear H: 33 L: 18

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## News Briefs

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NEWS EDITOR

### Malcolm X Festival

The final days of the Malcolm X festival will be on Wednesday and Thursday. The festival is sponsoring performer Awele Makeba at Omaha North High School.

Makeba will make an encore performance at UNO Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the MBSC Nebraska rooms.

All campus events are free to the public.

### Campus Recreation to offer Women on Weights class

Campus Recreation will offer a five-week Women on Weights class this semester.

In this structured class, taught by trained UNO staff, participants will learn how to:

- properly use the equipment
- lift using correct form
- create workouts

The class will be held in Room 105 of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building (HIPER). It will meet Monday and Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28 and March 2, 7, 9.

The cost is \$8 for students, \$10 for activity card holders and \$12 for non-activity card holders. To register, stop by 100 HIPER. For more information, call Dave Daniels at x4-2008.

### Hip Hop novelist Black Artemis to present lecture Feb. 15 at UNO

Hip hop novelist, activist and public speaker Sofia Quintero (Black Artemis) will

be on campus Feb. 15, to give a lecture on the exploitation of African American women in hip hop. The UNO Women's Resource Center (WRC) will host the event beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. It is free and open to the public.

Written under the pseudo name Black Artemis, Quintero's debut novel, *Explicit Content* (New American Library, 2004), was the first work of fiction to feature women in hip hop. Her first feature-length screenplay, "Interstates," won the 2001 San Francisco Black Film Festival screenplay competition, as well as the 1998 Montage Entertainment Diversity in Screenwriting contest.

She earned a Bachelor's degree in history-sociology from Columbia University and her Master's degree from the Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs.

For more information, contact Kimberly Gallion-Exum, WRC director, at 554-2730

### Retirement planning seminar for women Thursday in the MBSC

Representatives from Fidelity Investments and the Social Security Administration invite members of the UNO campus to attend a seminar geared to a woman's perspective on planning for and living in retirement Thursday.

The event will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. The seminar will help attendees learn more about long-term savings, investment options and Social Security.

For more information, call 554-3660.

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like current system, with periodic checks issued to the retired until their passing. However, it would differ in that the uncollected money would be passed onto other family members.

UNO student Mike Leddy believes this system could be a very effective one.

"Mathematically speaking, the current system will fail. Countries like Argentina, Poland and Sweden are using systems like the personal retirement account and have been successful."

However Ryan Renner, president of

the UNO Democrats believes massive changes are not the answer.

"The best projections show social security will be alright until 2050. Small changes could make the system okay for 100 years."

President Bush said it will take a lot of work to convey his message to Americans, but he feels that it will be time well spent. He plans to travel to 120 cities and towns in the following months to discuss the social security issues that are facing Americans today.

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31-5 by winning the final two matches.

The following night, UNO improved on its 30-6 win at the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Dual Tournament in Cleveland. The Mavericks thrashed the Lopers, winning nine of 10 matches.

Tovar avenged his NWCA loss to UNK's top-ranked Bryce Abbey. Tovar hit a head throw with 30 seconds left to defeat Abbey. In their NCAA tournament match last March, Tovar hit the same move twice to beat Abbey.

That spark started the flame carried by Waite in a win over No. 2 Adam Keiswetter, also an NCAA tournament rematch. The Lopers continued to fall. Dominguez won. Unger won. Alljbone got a major decision and Naig got a pin.

"I think tonight we turned that corner," Naig said. "We're where we need to be. We're peaking at the right time."

Steve Conlin came out with a big win at 174 and Nate Oviatt—who has missed time with an injury—returned to the mat with a win at 184 pounds.

Only national champion Jeff Sylvester was able to record a win for UNK. Sigman dropped the second ranked wrestler 10-1.

"This weekend was big for our guys," Head Coach Mike Denney said. "We had kind of a dip, but I am real proud of them and how they responded. We're closer to where we need to be."

UNO will have to keep improving heading into a rematch with Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday. Mankato will likely move to No. 2, and lost by just three at the national duals. UNO will take on St. Cloud State the night before. Both matches are on the road and begin at 7 p.m.

## What does Black History Month mean to you?



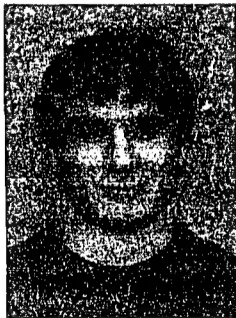
Daniel Randle-SO  
"Freedom means everything."



Stacie Wemhoff-SO  
"Black History month reminds me of all the great African American historians that changed the life of America."



Molly Schatz-SO  
"It's a month to celebrate the importance of our past."



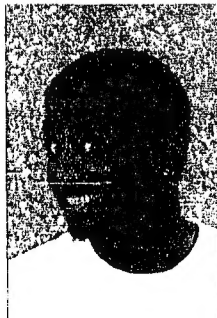
Kyle Kasperbauer-JR  
"Black History month is important due to the fact that it points out a minority group that went through slavery and people need to know about slavery."



Mishari Razouki-SR  
"It brings recognition to a lot of characters."



Jamie Anderson-SR  
"Black History month is a good opportunity to explore a new culture and the contributions that culture has made to society."



Lamarr Womble-JR  
"It's cool that it's a nationally recognized month. It's something that needs to be celebrated."

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## The OC sets new fashion trends

I'm pretty sure everyone comes to a consensus on the fact that *Sex and the City* had its fashion down. The wardrobe on each show never ceased to amaze me and left my jaw agape until the next episode. The show even created a new fashion language that became household fodder in most American homes. Who could forget those tank tops that popped up reading "I'm a Carrie" or "I'm a Samantha"?

Now, who watches *The O.C.*? Come on, I know I'm not the only person who raced to Best Buy to pick up the complete first season on DVD hot off the rack. Well, nonetheless, let's assume you too are infatuated with this phenomenon we call *The O.C.* What stands out? Obviously the witty repartee, but what about the fashion? Adam Brody's character Seth Cohen has even said, "Everyday is a fashion show to these people." Who can't help but be sucked into the lives of Orange County's rich, beautiful and fabulous?

The point I'm trying to make here, though a little thinly spun I will admit, is that both of these hugely popular shows is known for its keen sense of fashion in relation to the times. But they also represent, through the fashion, a difference in the cultures of the two coasts. East coast *Sex and the City* style is classic, edgy and fierce. West coast *O.C.* style is vibrant, youthful and fun. Both Sarah Jessica

### Real Fashion



Alex May

Parker and Mischa Barton have become fashion icons through the shows, both snagging ad campaigns across the market.

I'm sure that living on either of the coasts, one would see the fashion on set brought to life on the streets of the respective area. A lot of it also has to do with the different climates of the locations. Both coasts are known for their different styles though, California

fun in the sun and chic New York. So where does that leave us, the heartland dwellers of America?

Well the way I see it, we get the best of both worlds here. In the winter, on these bleak cold days, we can use east coast cold weather trends to our advantage, making like big-city socialites in our fur stoles and antique broaches. But, come summer, we can drop it like it hot, because we will be in our beach-ready halter-skirt-flip-flop combos. Don't even start on me with the "but we don't have any beaches" trash, hasn't anybody ever heard of Linoma?

So watch with hope. Just because it's colder than sin here now, doesn't mean we can't go back to those episodes and mimic their fashion genius come warmer weather. And if you find yourself gravitating towards one coast's style, don't fight it. It's not your fault you were born an east/west coaster oppressed in middle America. Share your ingénue with the rest of us, would you?

## Home and Garden Expo at Qwest

THOMAS LAMAY  
STAFF WRITER

Sales of new homes hit an all time high in 2004. According to the United States Commerce Department, home buying rose almost nine percent across the nation. In fact, sales of new and previously owned homes in the past four years were at record levels as well. With some of the lowest mortgage rates in history and a recent swing in the economy, sales of homes are going up all over America.

Enter the Omaha Home & Garden Expo. Contractors, suppliers, financiers, interior designers and manufacturers were all located in 180,000 square feet of the Qwest Center.

Imagine every show and commercial on HGTV and TLC in live and living color.

Among the buzzing convention tables, there were a few feature presenters. Andrew Dan-Jumbo, the English-accented carpenter on TLC's "While You Were Out", hit the stage on Thursday and Friday. For the green thumbs, Roger Swain, from PBS's "Victory Garden", presented Saturday and Sunday.

After the presentations, conventioners shuffled through the aisles mingling with salesmen and contractors. Business cards and brochures were passed out, names were taken down, and transactions were in the air. Homes, inside and out, across the Omaha area are about to change.

A recurring theme in this year's Home and Garden Expo was protecting your home from the elements. There were several companies offering better ways to insulate your house from the outside environment. The idea is that a more well insulated house will create lower utility bills, therefore saving the homeowner money in

the long run.

Tom Van Scoy of Premier Building Systems, was selling Structural Insulated Panels, a newer product to the home building market.

"These panels have a 58 percent higher wall efficiency than that of traditional construction, so basically you can put in a furnace of half the size, which saves money," Van Scoy said.

The panels are basically a layer of foam insulation sandwiched between two sheets of plywood. "The panels also form a skeleton for support, without the need for conventional stud framing," he added.

There were new styles of shingles made from recycled materials, insulated siding, and even a spray-on type of insulation called Icynene. All of these products were intended to enhance the home's R-value, a rating that is assigned to the ability of a material to resist heat transfer.

Along with insulation, doors and windows were also in the spotlight. A number of manufacturers and installers were on hand to answer questions. Again, heat transfer was the topic of everyone's marketing scheme, describing how high efficiency will offset the cost of installing expensive windows.

Maybe you are not able to afford new windows. A cheaper solution may be window tinting. Similar to car window tinting, Professional Glass Tinting of Omaha, adds a layer of film to your windows, blocking harsh sun rays that heat up your house during the summer months.

If adding a new deck or patio is in your near future, Phantom Screen Doors by Decorative Glass Doors & More is definitely worth checking out. In addition to their wide variety of glass and screen door configurations, they offer a screen door that retracts from the floor, like a garage door that retracts from the floor, like a garage

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# The real Deadwood offers a change of pace for spring break

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FEATURES EDITOR

Spring break is just a little more than a month away and most students have already planned their weeklong escapes to a tropical destination just south of the equator. Some students like to ski and usually go to Colorado. For those who want to make the most of the winter weather, Deadwood, S.D. provides a change of pace from the usual trip to expensive ski resorts.

Some may recognize the name Deadwood from the popular HBO show *Deadwood*. You know the show - it's the one with the cowboys dropping the F-bomb every five seconds. It just so happens that the show is based on the actual old west town in South Dakota.

The 129 year-old town is located on the western edge of South Dakota in the Black Hills. The area offers downhill skiing, snowmobile paths, nightlife and gambling.

"We've got some of the best snowboarding, skiing and snowmobiling east of the Rockies, not to mention dozens of wild bars and casinos right downtown," said George Milos, executive director of the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce, in a statement. "And it's all much less expensive than pricing at bigger mountain resorts. It's a real steal for students."

Through the heart of Deadwood runs

snowmobile trails and the ski slopes are minutes away from town. The average annual snowfall of the mountains is 150 inches and the peaks reach to over 7,000 feet. There are more than 300 miles of snowmobile trails, two downhill ski areas and a million acres



*South Dakota Tourism*  
The Black Hills consistently rank in the top three destinations in the U.S. for outstanding sledding.

of national forest. Because the South Dakota mountains are "relatively undiscovered," smaller crowds and lower prices can be found there - just what most college students look for when trying to get away.

"After a long day riding a sled or making

runs down the mountain," Milos said. "You can relax in the Saloon with a drink and live music."

The town, much to the opposition of the state of Nebraska, actually takes pride in its gambling.

"Poker had gotten pretty big out here," Milos said. "Several casinos now offer games like Texas Hold'Em, Omaha and Hi-Lo Split."

Although you may be thinking "it's spring break, no more learning," while partying it up and taking in the scenery of the landscape, visitors in Deadwood might actually learn a big of history as well.

Money-hungry gold diggers and merchants founded the town in 1879. It was the third place in the U.S. to legalize gambling

and since then, the town has spent more than \$170 million to restore the downtown area to appear as it did when first built. The town has museums, a historic gold mine and houses the graves of western legends Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane.

The town also has a city-wide trolley system that runs 24 hours a day and connects almost all of the hotels, casinos and attractions.

They hold special events for holidays, including St. Patrick's Day, which happens to fall on Spring Break week. The events may include live bands, parades and special deals.

There are dozens of hotels and motels in and around Deadwood. If the plain old hotel sounds boring, there are also bed and breakfasts, condos, cabins, lodges and campgrounds. According to a press release, accommodations start as low as \$19.95 a night and two days of skiing or one day of snowmobiling starts at \$95 a person.

According to mapquest.com, the drive to Deadwood from UNO campus would be around eight or nine hours up through Sioux Falls, S.D. and on west towards Deadwood.

Vacation packages for in and around Deadwood are arranged through the Deadwood Web site at [www.deadwood.com](http://www.deadwood.com). More information on skiing and snowmobiling can be found at Terry Peak Ski Area's site, [www.terrypeak.com](http://www.terrypeak.com), or Deer Mountain Ski Area, [www.skideermountain.com](http://www.skideermountain.com).

For this spring break, if a trip to Mexico or Colorado sounds mundane and crowded for you, Deadwood is the place to throw on the old cowboy boots and ski the slopes of the Black Hills.

## Boston Globe's Mike Pingree: Through the Looking Glass

MIKE PINGREE  
(KRT)

**Let's play it again, just to make sure**

A devout Baptist couple in Somerset, England, bought a DVD of the 1957 Doris Day-Rock Hudson romantic comedy *The Pajama Game*. Or so they thought. It turned

out to be an Italian porno flick called *Breasts of Passion*.

The man said he and his wife began watching it and were "horrified" when a group of "topless young women appeared and started talking in Italian."

He added, "We watched it until the end because we couldn't believe what we

were seeing."

**Uh, hi, we met earlier, remember?**

Two Delaware men robbed an 18-year-old pizza delivery woman, then, not leaving well enough alone, one of them called her on his cell phone and asked her out on a date. She declined.

She also called the police and gave them the nitwit's cell phone number, a major clue that led to his arrest.

**One, two, three, heave!**

A 400-pound drunk staggered out of a bar in Whitehaven, England, and into a waiting taxi. Once in the back of the cab, he keeled over onto the floor and became wedged between the front and back seats. Then he started vomiting.

The driver called emergency services. It took nine firefighters and paramedics half an hour to get him out.

**It's hard to take you seriously**

A man in a monkey suit tried to rob a convenience store in Yokkaichi, Japan.

The clerk refused to give him any money, so he fled empty-handed.

**Hey, Where are the dirty magazines?**

A Putney, Ky., man who got religion and turned his adult novelty shop into a Christian bookstore has gone out of business.

Sales had dropped off sharply after he made the switch.

**First, admit you have a problem**

A man was arrested in Nelson, New Zealand, for having sex with a goat. Second offense.

**That dude is just so charming**

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door. The *Star Trek*-esque screen door can be yours for well over \$2,000.

"These doors can be equipped with a motion-sensor, voice activation or any other configuration you can imagine ... and you can get one up to 25 feet wide," said one representative from Decorative Glass Doors & More.

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for months at a time. You can order an eight-foot wide POD in either 12 or 16 foot lengths, and have them ship the box to your new home. The fee is comparable to traditional moving services.

With so many new trends in the home building industry, one can get pretty caught up in the madness. So whether you are seasoned veteran (a regular "Bob Vila"), or have trouble differentiating a miter saw and a tape measure, there is a product or service out there for you.

If you missed the expo, check out the Omaha Home & Builders Show, March 31 -April 3 at the Qwest Center.

Mike Pingree is a columnist for the *Boston Herald*. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at [www.pingreeslookingglass.com](http://www.pingreeslookingglass.com).

**Just another suburban family**  
A 15-year-old boy in Portage, Wis., was unhappy at the way he was being treated in his own home. Very unhappy. He repeatedly threatened his mother and stepfather, so they made him sleep on a mattress in the walk-in closet off the master bedroom so they could watch him.

He responded to this by putting mouse poison into the family's food - for five weeks - causing a great deal of vomiting.

It ended when the stepfather discovered the pellets in some coffee grounds. The lad was charged with attempted homicide.

**You'll never take me alive! Thud!**  
A man went into a bar in Gowanda, N.Y., with a shotgun and took the female bartender hostage, sparking a standoff with police.

It ended when he passed out drunk.

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## Look good, enjoy live music at upcoming Punk Rock Formal

JESSICA RIAL  
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 tickets have sold for the second annual Punk Rock Formal Sunday at Sokol Underground. Three bands and a DJ will perform: Carlson City Heat, Trick Magnet, Analog and DJ Ken Clientele.

"We wanted to be able to keep this a dance party, but wanted to incorporate our love of live music," Abby Murrell, UNO student and event planner, said.

Murrell and former UNO student Emily Adams hosted the first PRF in October 2003 at the Joslyn

Castle. Murrell and Adams were working on the setup crew at the time and thought it would be awesome to get their friends dressed up for some sort of event, she said.

"Originally we wanted it to just be a dinner party, but the idea of holding some sort of creepy Halloween party there seemed like a better idea," Murrell said.

Jo Grebenick and Christine Dahlin, who run the castle operations, were excited and supportive.

"We ended up calling it Punk Rock Formal because we were having this party for our friends who were all members of the Omaha-Lincoln punk community," Murrell said. "We rarely spent any time together outside of the live music/house party realm, so this gave us all a chance to get together in a different setting."

She chose Sokol because it can accommodate a larger crowd and furberishes alcohol via a cash bar.

"We wanted to incorporate the excitement of a live-music atmosphere," she said. "It's something we really wanted to do last year and were unable to work out."

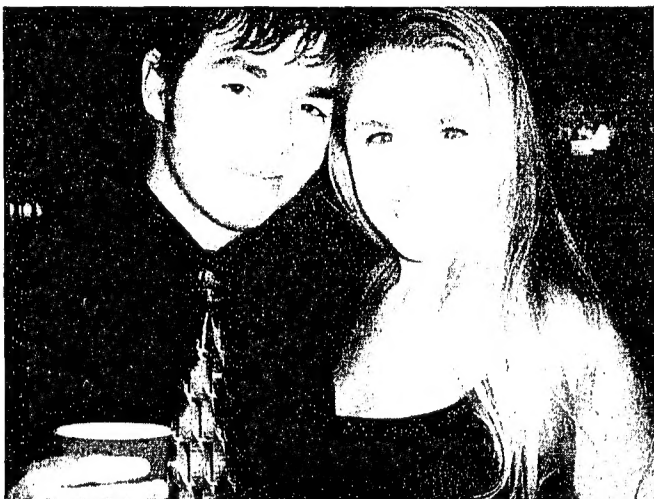
Chrissy Caillau and Amanda Hoff are helping Murrell and Adams decorate and organize this year.

"Dances never used to have DJs," Murrell said. "It was live bands and that's something everyone should really try to go back to. We also wanted to incorporate different types of music."

She said they've received flak for

having a couple of non-punk bands on the bill. "I think what many people don't understand is that punk is a very community-oriented concept," she said.

"Get past the stereotypical aspect of it, and it's about the unity between people



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who have a common bond of music. You can be punk and still have appreciation and love for other types of music."

PRF is formal, so no jeans and T-shirts.

"People of our generation have forgotten how to look good," Murrell said. "It has become weird for us to dress nice, so we make it formal because we all need a chance to look good once and a while."

PRF will be Carlson City Heat's first live show. Murrell said Carlson City Heat goes well with their goal of incorporating a dance party with live music.

"They're a Motown revival band comprised of members of Miles on End, ex-8th Wave and Split Second and have a backing band of about eight people," she said.

Trick Magnet is a Lincoln band that holds true to the Omaha-Lincoln punk rock scene. Analog is an Omaha metal scene mainstay, Murrell said.

DJ Ken Clientele, who plays everything from funk and hip-hop to old school punk and metal, will start off the night at 8 p.m. and end the night and spin between sets. PRF will go until 1 a.m.

Tickets are available at all Homer's locations or at etix.com, \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show.

Murrell said she'd like to do PRF every year, but doesn't usually plan that far ahead.

## Hip Hop Notes

COMMENTARY BY JULIAN IVEY  
STAFF WRITER

Rapper **50 Cent** will make a guest appearance on this week's episode of "The Simpsons." In the episode, Bart (not Jessica) will fake his own kidnapping so he can go to 50's concert. Rumor has it Marge will perform "Candy Shop," Fifty's new single, with Mimi on the show.

Fresh out of jail, **Ras Kass** has dropped a fresh new single, "Caution," dissin' none other than **The Game** himself. Kass rhymes, "...Fools is acting like they what I always was/west coast lyricist with east coast love..." We'll have to see how this turns out.

Kass isn't the only rapper taking shots at the newcomer of 2005. Atlanta-based emcee **Q45** says **The Game** bit his concept for *The Documentary's* title track. The two met in late August of 2004 through a mutual friend and had a listening session. They both used the names of classic albums during verses on tracks. The only problem is **The Game** didn't have a song like that during the session.

On a related note, **45** has a diss track over **Slim Shady's** "Toy Soldiers" beat. Get at me and I'll let you know where you can get it.

This may just be a couple of cases where people are trying to get a little more exposure.

On Thursday, **Kanye West** will host an event to celebrate the launch of his new

foundation, **The Kanye West Foundation**. It will ironically be working to prevent students from "dropping out." Good Move by West. The title of his album, *College Dropout*, bothered me a little.

**Tray Dee** of the **Eastsidaz** just got sentenced to 12 years in jail after pleading guilty to shooting at an occupied vehicle with a semiautomatic weapon. Dee and **Goldie Loc** haven't been on good terms with fellow **Eastsidaz** member **Snoop Dogg** lately. But can you really blame Snoop? His boy was shooting at an occupied vehicle.

T.I.'s album will be titled *Screwed and Chopped* and available for the masses soon.

**OutKast** really is coming out with a movie, **Bryan Barber** is just taking his time and making sure everything is done well. It should be in theaters this June.

Ya boy **Diddy** will star in a new action/comedy/drama film that is based in Miami. Diddy promises this will not be your standard hip hop movie. He promises this film will impress us all.

**Master P** and **Silk the Shocker** are facing felony gun charges in LA. The brothers were driving by the University of California-Los Angeles when they were pulled over and the LA Police Department found two loaded handguns. They were released on a \$35,000 bail. Their brother, **C Murder**, has just released a new album from jail.

I hope you all have a happy Valentine's Day and bump *The Love Below* in honor of the homey Cupid.



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# Maverick men tied for top of North Central

CHRISTEN HARRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

The UNO men's basketball team is back in a tie for first place in the North Central Conference after weekend wins over South Dakota and Augustana. The Mavericks made the road sweep beating USD 77-72 and Augustana 78-61.

It has been nearly a month since UNO lost back-to-back NCC games against North Dakota. Since then, the Mavericks have taken down South Dakota twice, St. Cloud State and Augustana. Head Coach Kevin McKenna emphasized to his team how important it was to get over the hump after back-to-back conference losses, and not letting his team's great season slip away.

"The one thing I like about our team is that we got that never-say-die type of attitude, and we want to play a full 40 minutes of tough, hard-nosed basketball," McKenna said.

Hard-nosed would be the key word for the Maverick's defense. In the last four games, UNO has held their opponents to just an average of 69 points per game, including the 72 points they held South Dakota to in overtime at their last match-up, against a team averaging 85 points per game on the season.

Senior guard Andre Tarpley is enjoying the success his team is having, much like the success during his senior year at Benson High, when his team finished second in the state. After beating tough conference opponents St. Cloud State and South Dakota, the Mavericks were humble and didn't get too cocky heading into their game at Augustana.

"We had to get prepared for that game, coach called it a trap game because Augustana had nothing to lose and we did," Tarpley said.

The Mavericks did just that, sticking to their game plan and beating Augustana on the road 78-61. Rebounding is another basketball statistic the Mavericks are dominating. The Mavericks are one of the best rebounding teams in the NCC, averaging more than 40 rebounds per game, compared to their opponent's 33.8 rebounds per game.

Although the Mavericks are enjoying the success of their season, there is always room



Michelle Bishop

Jamaal Byers battles University of South Dakota's Aaron Green for the rebound during Thursday night's game.

for improvement, especially with their free throw shooting. The Mavericks are shooting 62 percent from the free-throw line for the season, the worst in the NCC.

"Free-throws have become a mental block for our players. Although we spend extra time shooting them before, during, and after practice," McKenna said.

Calvin Kaples, despite working hard on his free throws all season, is shooting just 51 percent from the free-throw line, the worst on the team. Although the Mavericks are shooting poorly from the free throw line, they do make the shots when it matters most, especially in their previous game with St. Cloud State. The Mavericks made 71 percent of their free throws during that game and won by three points.

The Mavericks have five games remaining on the schedule, including a rematch against St. Cloud State, and two games against Minnesota State-Mankato, a team they lost to twice last season.

"I told our seniors we've got five important games left on the schedule before heading into the tournament, and we want to finish it off on a high note," McKenna said.

# UNO women fall four points short of sweeping South Dakota foes

J. PARKER ADAIR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Having knocked off the University of South Dakota and Augustana once each this season, the UNO women's basketball team was in position to go undefeated against the state of South Dakota. The Mavs sent USD back to Vermillion with a 61-48 loss Thursday, but Augustana pulled away Saturday with a 69-73 win.

The Mavericks now sit at 14-8 on the season and 4-3 against North Central Conference opponents.

A pair of 20-point scorers led UNO each night. J.J. Smith scored 23 against USD while Karen Thies poured in 27 in Sioux Falls.

After shooting just 27.8 percent in the first half

Thursday, the Mavericks held a four-point advantage at the break. UNO's signature stingy defense led to the shooters coming out in the second half. The Mavs shot 70 percent from the 3-point line (21.9 from the field) while holding the Coyotes to 36.7 percent

from the field.

Chelsie Grosbie recorded 14 points and Lindsey Peterson added 10. Carlye Jones grabbed the Windex and led the Mavs in cleaning the glass 16 times, 50 for the team.

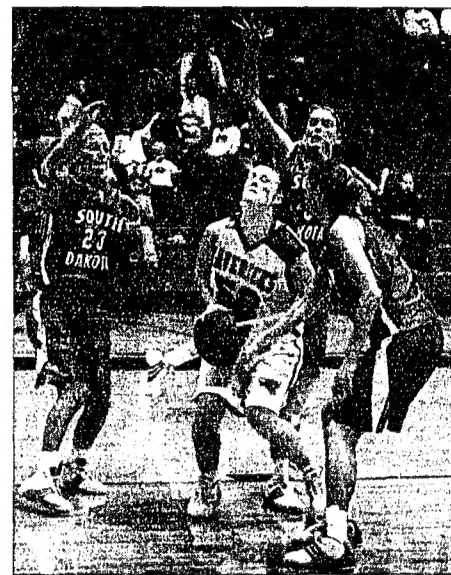
Augustana knew it had to shoot better than the previous meeting in order to avenge

a Sapp Field House loss. The Vikings shot 41.4 percent in the opening half (42.6 for the game) to take a 17-point lead midway through the second half. It took UNO three minutes to cut the lead to nine, and following a Viking field goal, just more than two minutes to tie the game on an 11-0 run.

The Vikings pulled away, missing just one shot in the final 2:12, hitting eight free throws and a 3-pointer.

UNO was uncharacteristically good from the free-throw line hitting 90 percent in the second half and 87.5 for the game.

The Mavs host St. Cloud State Friday and Minnesota State-Mankato Saturday at the Sapp Fieldhouse. St. Cloud beat UNO by 39 last weekend and dropped Mankato 103-60 this weekend. Both games are at 6 p.m. and broadcast on 1620 AM.



Michelle Bishop

J.J. Smith looks to make a shot while being defended by a trio of University of South Dakota players during Thursday's game.

# Mavericks de-rail Domers, take three CCHA points on the road

BRIAN BRASHAW  
COPY EDITOR

The UNO hockey team continued its success in 2005 last weekend taking three points from Notre Dame in South Bend. The Mavericks held on for a 1-1 tie Friday and blasted the Irish 6-3 Saturday. The Mavericks now carry a 7-1-2 record in 2005.

UNO is now back up to third place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings, tied again with Northern Michigan. Bowling Green trails them both by two points, but have two more remaining league games than UNO does. The Mavericks have six conference games left, four at home.

Notre Dame lived up to their hype of not being able to score any goals getting just one Friday. Unfortunately UNO couldn't take advantage, scoring only one themselves.

Scott Parse started the game off scoring a shorthanded goal for the Mavericks at 13:39 of the first period. UNO goalie Christ Holt did everything he could to make the one

goal good enough but Luke Lucyk scored at 7:20 of the third period to tie the game.

Irish goalie Morgan Cey made 26 saves and earned first star honors while Holt made 30 saves and second star honors.

Saturday was a back-and-forth affair until UNO's breakout third period. Again UNO started the lamp lighting with Mick Lawrence earning his fourth goal of the season just 2:30 into the first. That goal started Lawrence on a two goal, two assist first-star day.

Irish winger Mike Walsh pulled ND even early in the second period, but Bill Thomas put UNO back on top with a power play goal mid-way through the second. Again Notre Dame pulled even late in the second on a Cory McLean goal.

However UNO exploded in the third period. Scoring leader Parse knotted his 16th goal of the year at 14:03 and 22 seconds later captain Mike Lefley put the Mavs up 4-2. Tony Gill tried to rally the Irish, scoring at 15:30 of the third, but late goals by Dan Hacker and Lawrence sealed the Irish fate.

UNO returns home, to its real home, the Qwest Center, for the highly anticipated series with Michigan. The Wolverines hold a firm grip on top of the CCHA, but a good weekend for UNO could open the door for Ohio State to take the top spot.

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## How to save the Democrat Party: The Lytle Seven-Step Guide

Well, as usual, a certain party on campus decided to stage a protest when the President came to town last week, according to the numerous flyers around campus. These Democrats are still mad that they lost? But you want to know what I really see in this flyer? I see, if they don't stop all of this, how the Republicans will win big in 2006 and in 2008, even if they put Hillary on the front lines. But, being the kind person I am, I'm about to give some advice to Democrats on how they can save their party, because at this rate, they will implode on themselves.

I already know nobody's going to read these, you know, brush these tips off as nonsense. But the unfortunate thing is, is that the current Democratic Party is dying. Protests, liberalism, its all bleeding them dry. And unless they change, their party will keep losing election after election until they are no longer a party. You can brush these off if you want to, I really don't care. But when your party is gone, wait, you probably won't even admit I tried to help.

**STEP 1: Admit to yourself "Bush won, we lost. There's not much we can do about it now."**

They always say, "admission is the hardest step," which is why I started with that. Protests, if they're doing anything, will actually draw people away from your party, and even cause people to lose interest. This is true. I mean, many Democrats have jobs, college, family, and they can't really do these protests, because it'll take away time from what really matters most. Sooner or later, you're going to get Democrats who say, "These protests aren't working. I've got work, college, and/or a family to worry about, and I don't think I can keep doing this for the next four years." Party loyalty may go a ways, but they unfortunately cannot hold a candle to work, college, or a family.

By admitting this, you're putting all three of these ahead of the tactics of the modern Democratic Party, which

continues to throw hissy-fits over the fact that they lost. But, I'm not telling you to leave the Democratic Party. This step is basically a way to get out before the estranged far left takes the Democrat Party down like the Titanic. For you see, with every protest these Democrats make, people will start to get tired of them, which will make Republicans look better than Democrats, and that's how we'll win.

**STEP 2: Liberalism. That doesn't do a party good.**

I've been hearing lately that Howard Dean, the current front-runner in the race for chairman of the Democratic Party, will adopt the "obstructionist" tactics Newt Gingrich used during much of Clinton's terms. There's just one problem with that, Sparky. You're already doing it, and its called "Liberalism!" That's the whole basis of what the modern Democratic Party.

**STEP 3: Don't get mad, come up with better ideas.**

Why this? A big reason why George W. Bush won in 2004 was because he was up front with what he was going to do in his second term, such as fighting terrorism, privatizing health care and social security reform, cutting taxes, banning gay marriage, etc. John Kerry, on the other hand, never elaborated his plans, except for "bringing our allies to the table." Just "I'm gonna fix this, I'm gonna fix that."

If you want to win, you have to come up with better ideas. You have to compete with your opponent's plans. You could cut more taxes than Bush planned, or increased military spending for our troops to fight the War on Terror better. Find a better way to solve the social security mess. If you guys could do that, you'd get more votes than you'd know what to do with. But, keeping people in the dark is not the best way to do that.

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

**STEP 4: Bill's time is over. It's time to let go.**

He had his eight years, and he can't come back into the White House. Anything he says or does isn't worth a darn anymore. You see, the Clinton's are to the Democratic party as this 160-pound tumor to this one Romanian lady I saw on the Discovery Health Channel. The tumor was slowly killing

the Romanian lady, which is exactly what Bill and Hillary is doing for the Democratic Party. And as long as they're attached, you're going to lose elections.

**STEP 5: Conservatism wins, every time it's tried.**

Modern conservative values follow along the same beliefs that many people of different faiths share. Conservatives believe that judges should interpret the Constitution, not make laws. Conservatives believe that the people can spend their money far better than the government. Conservatives believe that we need a strong military in order to protect this nation from those who hate us for who we are. Conservatives understand there is evil out there in the world, and we don't trust the United Nations to deal with it.

But, what about Bill Clinton? He was smart, I'll give him some credit, though I really shouldn't. He was able to cloak his liberalism. John Kerry, on the other hand, couldn't, and that's exactly why he lost. People know liberal policies don't work, and they're not about to put a Liberal in charge of the United States. The American people are way smarter than Liberals give us credit. (In some cases, they think we're all sheep.) If they adopt Conservatism, they will in turn adopt a respect for the American people, and therefore will become better.

**STEP 6: Pessimism sucks. Ditch the "doom and gloom."**

We have a strong economy, but you

see the Great Depression, The War on Terror is working, but you see another Vietnam. With this mindset, people are not about to vote for you if all you're doing is rooting for the terrorists and a bear market.

**STEP 7: Get away from Hollywood.**

Actually, I can be more specific than that, and in five words: Get away from Michael Moore. His film "Fahrenheit 9/11" was an attempt to sway voters against Bush, but no matter how many times it was available to the people, they never bought into it. His radical movies are, in essence, the idiot playing with matches in a gasoline-soaked building. (The building represents the Democratic Party).

"What 'Fahrenheit 9/11' and Bruce Springsteen and MoveOn and all the other people that were working during the election, what we did was we prevented a Bush landslide." Michael Moore said this, as quoted from Reuters. Yeah, congrats, dude. But you still lost.

Look, I already know how the Democratic Party is going to react to this article. I'll probably get hit with more negative feedback I've ever seen in my entire life. But, with every negative feedback I get, I become more and more confident of my analysis of their party is right on target and that we Republicans will win in 2006 and in 2008. The Republican Party doesn't have to do a thing, because their rivals are doing more damage to themselves they we ever could.

The problem with the Democratic Party is that right now, they're playing Russian Roulette (the one with the gun, not the drop zones). Every time they obstruct or protest, they're pulling the trigger, and every time they do, they lose votes in the process. And it's only going to be a matter of time before they obstruct or protest, and they hit the bullet. Unless they change now, or at the very least admit what I suggested in Step 1, then, let's just say the Democratic Party will be over.

## Iowa playhouse operator offers money to save Glenwood city pool

I feel that part of my task as a weekly columnist in this paper is to keep everyone abreast of current events happening throughout Omaha as well as the surrounding communities. Because of that, I am compelled to shed some light on a fascinating story I read in last Friday's edition of an Omaha daily newspaper.

The headline of the story is nothing spectacular, but if I only read the stories with knock-your-socks-off headlines, I would never read the paper, and thus be uninformed.

The headline read: "Gift offered to keep pool open raises eyebrows." See, nothing outlandish, but it's the content of the story that elicits my commentary on the subject. I'll have to brief you on the particulars before I dive into my observations.

According to the story, Ron Bergeron, the man who owns the Playhouse Performing Arts Theater in Glenwood, Iowa, wants to give the city somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to make sure the city pool will be open this summer.

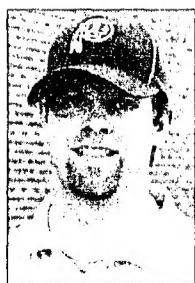
Apparently, the pool was closed

last summer due to budget restrictions until a local businessman solicited enough private donations to open up the pool. Ultimately, the City Council of Glenwood will decide whether or not to accept the money, which is only about half of the \$30,000 needed to operate and staff the pool.

Bergeron really wants to give back to the community he loves, according to the story, but another local Glenwood businessman, Mike Malone, vehemently opposes the city accepting Bergeron's money. He believes Bergeron is trying to gain favor with the City Council, which he doesn't need to do.

Bergeron has already been taken to court by Mills County because it thought he wasn't in compliance with an ordinance limiting sexually oriented businesses. However, the judge ruled in Bergeron's favor. End of story. Case

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closed.

Now, the City Council must ask itself, "Self, is it fair to punish the children, who we always seem to care so deeply about, for the short-comings of the budget?"

I believe the answer is no. Sure it would be a little hypocritical for the council to take money from the same fella who it took to court, attempting to run him out of town. But if no other viable option exists, don't they owe it to the city to accept that money? I personally think it would be ridiculously humorous if Mr. Bergeron presented the money to the city in only denominations of one! But who am I kidding? The "performers" are the people who get paid in ones, not the man getting the twenties at the door. (If you've been there, maybe you're saying it doesn't cost twenty to get in. But I don't know what it costs. I haven't been there as of

yet. Give me a break. It's not exactly a "Performing Arts Theater" either.)

Anyhow, if the city won't take his money, that's fine with me. If it were up to me, I'd take it in a heartbeat, especially in times of tight budgets.

But I can also provide another option to compile the needed funds. If those opposed to the city accepting the money take five minutes and come down off their high horses, they could "perform" to raise the money.

Nevertheless, they'd have nothing on the girls that work at the Theater (so I've been told).



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### Tues., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry  
8:30 am Inside CBA  
8:30 am EMSC  
9 am Staff Advisory Council  
11:30 am Stephenson Interns  
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association  
3 pm Panhellenic Recruitment  
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
5:30 pm Sigma Kappa  
5:30 pm Aviation Institute  
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta  
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7 pm Amnesty international  
8 pm Greek Endeavor  
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

### Wed., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

10 am Public Relations  
10 am University Wide Financial Air Meeting  
11 am Chinese New Year/AACS  
12 noon Athletics  
12 noon ALAS  
12 noon Emerging Leaders  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
2 pm Faculty Senate

3 pm CCSW  
7:30 pm ROSAS

### Thurs., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Women of Color Awards Planning Committee  
10 am Lori Byrne Meeting  
10 am Student Affairs Staff Meeting  
10 am Consider This . . .  
10 am Black Studies  
11:30 am Chancellor's Luncheon  
12 noon Impact  
1 pm Retirement Planning Seminar  
4 pm SHAC  
5:30 pm Delta Sigma Pi  
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi  
7 pm Student Government  
7:30 pm Muslim Student Association

### Fri., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am Interfraternity Council  
12 noon AA  
12 noon Practicum Instructor Seminar  
12 noon Cultural Awareness Programs  
1:30 pm Council of Chairs  
3:30 pm MPA Capstone  
4 pm PA Comp Workshop  
5 pm Americans for Informed Democracy

6:30 pm Christ on Campus  
6:30 pm The Rock  
8 pm SPO

### Sat., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

9 am Communication Leadership  
12 noon Jazz Clinic/Rehearsal  
3 pm Alpha Kappa Alpha

### Sun., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha  
4 pm Sigma Kappa  
5 pm Pi Kappa Alpha  
5 pm Lambda Chi Alpha  
5 pm Sigma Kappa  
6 pm Student Gaming Org.  
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta  
6:30 pm Theta Chi  
7:30 pm Zeta Phi Beta

### Mon., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

11 am SPO  
12 noon Tsunami Raffle  
12 noon The Rock  
12 noon AA  
12 noon Master Success  
12 noon The Grove Meditation

12 noon African American Organization  
2 pm UNO Graduate Council  
3 pm SABC  
3:30 pm History Department  
4:30 pm Panhellenic  
5 pm Chi Omega  
7:30 pm Christian Student Fellowship  
8 pm College Democrats  
8:30 pm Circle K  
9 pm Campus Crusade

### Tues., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry  
9 am Social Work Practicum Fair  
9 am Black Orgs. Fair  
11:30 am Stephenson Interns  
11:30 am Hip Hop  
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association  
1:45 pm SAP User Group  
3 pm Panhellenic Recruitment  
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
4 pm Honors Program Freshman Recognition  
5:30 pm Sigma Kappa  
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7 pm Security Meeting  
7:30 pm UNO Winterguard  
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